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APD to implement Automatic License Plate Readers

On Sunday, November 1, 2009, the Austin Police Department will implement the use of Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR). The purchase price for each unit was \$25,735.05. Two readers were purchased by using a grant provided to the Auto Theft Interdiction Unit from the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (Formerly part of TxDot).

The department will incorporate the two patrol units with readers to assist in the following:

Recovery of stolen vehicles

Locating vehicles listed in Amber and Silver Alerts

Locating vehicles involved in "Just Occurred" felony offenses, in particular violent crimes.

The vehicles will be operated on a 24hr basis by patrol officers.

Media Advisory: Sgt. Oliver Tate will provide an interview at 2 p.m. today at APD Headquarters. Please call if you plan to attend.

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